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ROADWATCH: Week of March 6 - 12

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during daylight hours in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, March 7, the northbound I-81 bridge over the railroad tracks and Route 641 in Montgomery County will be inspected. The bridge is located north of Christiansburg at mile marker 128.7. The inspection will cause lane closures from 7 a.m. to noon.

* **ROUTE 611 BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 81 INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, March 7, the Route 611 bridge over I-81 in Pulaski County will be inspected. The bridge is located near Dublin near mile marker 99.1. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81 beneath the bridge between 7 a.m. and noon.

* **INTERSTATE 81 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 119 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible shoulder closures on weeknights.

* **INTERSTATE 81 DEBRIS REMOVAL** – Work to remove trees and other debris along northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 105 and 174 may cause temporary shoulder closures or temporary lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **INTERSTATE 81 DRAINAGE REPAIRS** – Work to repair drainage structures may cause shoulder closures on southbound I-81 at mile marker 105 in Montgomery County. Work may be performed during daylight hours.

ROANOKE

* **I-581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound I-581/Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during both daylight and nighttime hours.

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*** INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY DEBRIS REMOVAL** – Work to remove trees and other debris along northbound and southbound I-581 and Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours. Watch for possible lane closures on weekdays.

ROANOKE COUNTY

*** POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Roanoke County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along primary roads such as Route 24 and Route 460.

* POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS) – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Roanoke County. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible short-term delays.

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* ROUTE 221 PAVING – Work to pave along Route 221 at the corner of Colonial Avenue may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* ROUTE 311 SLOPE REPAIR – Weather permitting, work to repair a slope may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 864 (Bradshaw Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 11/460 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Work to repair shoulders along Route 11/460 (West Main Street) between Salem and the Montgomery County line may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 460 TURN LANE INSTALLATION** – Crews will be working to install turn lanes at the intersection of Route 460 (Challenger Drive) and Route 610 (West Ruritan Road)/ Route 1442 (Valley Drive). Drivers should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures on eastbound and westbound Route 460 on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

*** ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

*** UTILITY WORK (VARIOUS ROADS)** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane), Route 1673 (Sunnyside Drive) and Route 613 (Merriman Road). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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* **ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Bedford County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on roads such as Route 460, Route 221, Route 24, and Route 43.

* **ROUTE 122 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, March 10, the Route 122 bridge over the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is located at Moneta. Flaggers will direct traffic on Route 122 between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **TREE REMOVAL** – Work to remove downed trees from previous winter weather events along various roads in Bedford County may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours. Watch for possible flaggers controlling traffic.

* **FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will continue to repair damaged roads or bridges. Work will include cleaning out drainage pipes, ditch and slope repairs and bridge inspections. Watch for flaggers that may control traffic on various roads such as Route 24, Route 626 and Route 888.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 644 in the Big Island area.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Botetourt County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays along primary roads such as Route 220, Route 220 Alternate, Route 460, and Route 11.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Friday, March 12, the Route 11 bridge over the James River and the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is located at Buchanan. Flaggers will direct traffic on Route 11 during the inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* **ROUTE 43 SLOPE REPAIR** – Weather permitting, on work is underway to repair a slope along a section of Route 43. The section of Route 43 is located 0.8 mile north of Route 649 (Lake Catherine Drive). Flaggers will control traffic daily, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Motorists should expect delays. Weather permitting, estimated completion is mid-March.

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road at the entrance to Orchard Market Place). Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

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* ROUTE 652 BRIDGE WORK – Weather permitting, work is underway a section of Route 652 (Mountain Pass Road) will be closed to through traffic, so railings can be replaced on the bridge over the railroad tracks. The closure will be in place from approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. While work is being performed, traffic will be detoured around the closure onto Route 11 and Route 653 (Humbert Road).

CARROLL COUNTY

* INTERSTATE 77 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS - Crews will repair guardrail at various locations along I-77. Motorists should watch for the following traffic impacts on weekdays during daytime hours at the following locations:

- Right lane closure on southbound I-77 at mile marker 26.3
- Left lane closure on northbound I-77 at mile marker 0
- Ramps on southbound I-77 at mile marker 14.9
- Right lane on northbound I-77 at mile marker 25.7

*** INTERSTATE 77 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will be patching potholes on I-77. Mobile lane closures may be in place during both daytime and nighttime hours. Drivers should use caution and expect possible delays.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner’s Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner’s Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner’s Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

CRAIG COUNTY

* POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS) – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Craig County. Work is planned on Route 622, Route 624 and Route 625. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible short-term delays.

*** ROUTE 621 SLOPE REPAIR** – Weather permitting, work continues to repair a slope along a section of Route 621. The section of Route 621 is located 9.4 miles east of Route 311. Work will be performed on Route 621 between its intersections with Hemlock Ridge Road and Foxfire Road. Flaggers will control traffic daily, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Motorists should expect delays. Estimated completion is mid-March.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on various secondary locations in Franklin County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on roads.

* **SHOULDER MAINTENANCE** – Weather permitting, crews will be working on shoulders along various secondary and primary routes. Motorists should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **DITCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Crews will be working on ditches or shoulders on various routes on weekdays during daylight hours. Motorists should watch for periodic lane and shoulder closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

GILES COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Giles County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on roads such as Route 460, Route 42, and Route 61.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – The Route 460 bridges over the New River will be inspected. The eastbound Route 460 bridge will be inspected on Monday, March 8 and the westbound bridge inspected on Tuesday, March 9. The bridges are located at Glen Lyn. Work will be performed from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

HENRY COUNTY

* **POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible short-term delays.

* **DEBRIS REMOVAL** – Work to remove downed trees from previous winter weather events along various roads in Henry County may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic at times.

* **ROUTE 58 BUSINESS GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION** – Weather permitting, crews will be installing guardrail along eastbound Route 58 Business. Drivers can expect lane closures Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 7 a.m. to noon. Watch for signs.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. In addition, Route 639 beneath the bridge will be closed daily as needed during daylight hours and reopened by 5:30 p.m. each evening. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

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*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* POTHOLE PATCHING – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Montgomery County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on roads such as Route 460, Route 8, Route 11 and Route 114.

* ROUTE 11 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, March 10, the Route 11 bridge over the South Fork of the Roanoke River will be inspected. The bridge is located near Shawsville. Various lane closures will be in place on northbound and southbound Route 11 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

*** ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

PATRICK COUNTY

*** POTHOLE PATCHING (VARIOUS SECONDARY ROADS)** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible short-term delays.

*** DEBRIS REMOVAL** – Work to remove downed trees from previous winter weather events along various roads in Patrick County may cause temporary lane closures during daylight hours. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic at times.

*** ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

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* ROUTE 679 CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Beginning Monday, March 8, Route 679 (New Hope Church Road) will be closed to through traffic between Route 860 (Transfer Station Lane) and Route 777 (American Legion Road) due to a culvert replacement. Route 679 is expected to be closed to through traffic until Friday, March 12. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes around the closure.

*** ROUTE 698 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – A portion of Route 698 (Shepherd Mill Road) in Patrick County is closed to through traffic. Route 698 is closed at its intersection with Route 631 (Virginia-NC Road), so the bridge over Crooked Creek can be replaced. Signs are in place to detour traffic around the closure onto Route 699 (Hughes Brown Road). Work is expected to be completed, and Route 698 reopened to traffic by Monday, March 8.

PULASKI COUNTY

*** POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on several primary roads in Pulaski County due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays on roads such as Route 11, Route 100 and Route 114.

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